

REPORT ON RECIPROCITY FILED IS NON-COMMITTAL

LIGHTNING STRIKES PEDDIE INSTITUTE

And Causes a Panic Among
1,000 Persons Listening
to Exercises.

HIGHTSTOWN, N. J., June 13.—Peddie Institute, a Baptist preparatory school, was struck by lightning while 1,000 persons were listening to commencement exercises. A 200 foot steeple crashed down causing all the lights to go out and causing a panic, part of which was subdued by the orchestra's playing the Star Spangled Banner in the dark.

Fifty women fainted and were carried out by ushers. Many were bruised and hurt in the jam. The fire was beyond control, when the panic was over. The loss is \$500,000.

FREEMAN KILLED

On the Rear Porch of His
Home on Kinchelo Creek
by Lightning.

Word reaches here of the death of Samuel Freeman, aged 33 years, by lightning Sunday evening at his home on Kinchelo creek in the upper part of the county. He had returned from milking a cow and was on a rear porch washing his hands, when lightning struck him killing him instantly. Mrs. Freeman was knocked down but she recovered. Several children survive as well as several brothers and sisters. He was a prominent farmer of his section of the county.

SAILORS NEEDED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—The navy is in need of a large number of sailors, and orders were issued today to begin recruiting. Crews are needed for the new ships, Utah and Florida.

CONTEMPT CASE IS TO BE HEARD SOON

Town Officers of Northview
Are to Be Required to
Appear.

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In the injunction case of Eugene Brown et al against the town of Northview over the matter of drilling gas wells within the town limits, Raymond Maxwell was elected special circuit court judge. Judge Lynch being disqualified to act in the case owing to relationship to one of the litigants. Judge Maxwell was sworn in and the case was set for Saturday on a rule for the mayor chief of police and councilmen of Northview to appear and show cause why they should not be declared in contempt of court.

EIGHTEEN

Freight Cars Are Wrecked
When Short Line Train
Runs Into Landslide.

When a freight train on the Short Line railroad struck a landslide and jumped the track near Smithfield at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, eighteen freight cars were smashed into pieces and the engine was badly damaged. No one of the crew was hurt.

Passengers and mail on the regular passenger train were transferred at the scene of the wreck. A wrecking train soon afterward went to the place from Gratton and its crew was engaged the most of the day in clearing up the wreckage and mending the track.

MORE JURORS

Are Drawn to Serve at the
Present Term of the
Criminal Court.

In the criminal court Tuesday David Moore was tried and found guilty of carrying a revolver but he was granted a new trial and the case was continued until the next term.

Sixteen additional jurors were drawn in the criminal court Tuesday morning as follows:

N. B. Ferrell, Livingston Allen, A. N. Morrison, Joseph Bartlett, Ted Sidebottom, A. N. Corbin, Charles S. Bartlett, D. J. Hickman, William J. Primm, George Sturm, Michael L. Morris, H. J. Holder, Alva Robinson, Cecil Sullivan, J. W. Bartlett and C. J. Costello.

A jury in the case of Thomas L. Powell, charged with assaulting John Yost, returned a verdict of assault and battery. Sentence was deferred.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company was found guilty of obstructing the Barnes crossing near the city.

A jury in the case of Jason Hall, tried for carrying a revolver, has not yet returned a verdict.

Jason Hall was placed on trial in the afternoon charged with breaking jail.

HEART IS PIERCED WITH A MEAT HOOK.

STEUBENVILLE, O., June 13.—Jacob R. Blair, aged 68 years, a butcher, in an ice box today cutting meat, slipped and fell against a meat hook which pierced his heart killing him instantly.

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By Senator Penrose, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

MINORITY REPORTS

Contain Strong Protests
against the Amendments
and the Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—Senator Penrose filed the report of the finance committee of the Senate on reciprocity today. The report was non-committal, being neither for nor against, but Williams, Stone and Kern filed a minority report for it. Williams expressing views in the report that gave special prominence to President Taft's Chicago speech dealing with wood pulp as expressing his views. Williams declared himself favorable to a majority of the amendments offered in the committee, if offered as original propositions, because their purpose is to defeat the bill. He favors the farmers' free list but not as amendment because it would also defeat Stone and Kern signed with personal endorsement Williams's sentiments.

Kern noted the Root amendment and opposed it as strenuously as Williams. Kern believes that the reciprocity bill will pass and without amendments and that it would be of passage with that; therefore, he can see but one course and that is to oppose all the amendments.

Williams declares that he will not refuse to kill a rattlesnake because he cannot kill an amanda. When he wants two things he wants both, he cannot get both, then he wants the one he can get.

Taking the position that the Canadian reciprocity bill should be reported to the Senate with an adverse recommendation, Senator McCumber of North Dakota, today filed a minority report giving sixteen reasons why he opposed the bills. All were based on the contention that by opening the markets of the United States to Canadian farm products, the proposed bill would have the effect of lowering the prices of American products.

"We no sooner enter upon new and better conditions when we are securing for farm labor and for capital invested in farms and farm property a more fair and just remuneration," he said, "than we find ourselves confronted by this measure which will operate as a check against any further progress and will even deprive us of the advantage we have gained in the last few years by the up-building and extension of our home markets."

He predicted that by destroying every hope of the farmer for the benefits of an increasing home demand and his ability to finally secure just compensation for his labor, the country would again check its agricultural development and send hundreds of thousands of the sons and daughters of farmers to crowd the cities.

The report dealt extensively with the prices of wheat on both sides of the international line. Mr. McCumber found there to be ten cents a bushel less in Canada than in the United States. He believed Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan provinces to be capable of supplying enough wheat to feed the world and predicted the immediate decline of American prices to the Canadian level. The result would be, he said, to lose all the advantages derived in the past from the high protective tariff.

MOTOR

Cyclists Make Good Time on Trip
to City from Middlebourne.

E. B. Bond, a well known oil man of Middlebourne, and Charles Ashcraft, of the Tyler County News, published there, have returned over land on motor cycles to their homes from this city, where they visited relatives and friends Sunday. They rode to Clarksburg that morning eating their breakfasts at Middlebourne and dinner in Clarksburg which was very good time considering the rough country through which they had to travel.

KNOX

Is Summoned to Appear Before
Committee to Explain.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Secretary of State Knox was subpoenaed today by the House committee on expenditures to appear and explain the payment of \$5,000 to Frederick Haleson, from the Canadian boundary fund in the state department.

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO BLOW UP MINE

CEMETERY

Improvements Are Made by
Adelphi Lodge at an
Outlay of \$4,000.

Adelphi Lodge, No. 8 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has completed several splendid improvements at the Odd Fellows cemetery here. An iron picket fence with cement base along the front is one of the improvements and another is a wire woven fence with cement along the lower side. Considerable grading and leveling have been done within the inclosure and still more is to be done. The improvements represent an outlay of \$4,000. The work is in charge of Jacob M. Warin, Maynard N. Shuttlesworth and Howard L. Cunningham, trustees.

Four Separate Dynamite Explosions Occur at the Unity Fan House.

GREENSBURG, Pa., June 13.—The fan house of the Unity Coal Company was blown up with dynamite today. State constabulary was called to investigate. There were four separate explosions. There has been a strike throughout this region for more than a year, and it is thought the dynamiters wanted to put the mine out of commission. One hundred and fifty men were thrown out of work but nobody was hurt by the explosions. There is no clue.

MR. WELLS DEAD.

SISTERSVILLE, June 13.—Elias Wells, a prominent resident of the Meadville section, is dead at the age of 78 years.

English Critics Find Fault With New Memorial to Queen Victoria



Photo by American Press Association.

ENGLISH critics are not entirely satisfied with the new memorial to Queen Victoria, which stands in front of Buckingham palace and is the result of nine years' labor. The memorial is a marble shaft surmounted by a figure symbolizing Victory, while allegorical figures around the base typify Truth, Motherhood, Justice, Peace and other attributes of Queen Victoria and Great Britain as the sculptor, Thomas Brock, sees them. One of the principal features of the memorial is a statue of Queen Victoria, and it is this statue that has provoked the most severe criticisms. The statue is shown in the picture above. Members of her family are said to have called it a good likeness of the departed ruler, but this is disputed by others. Attention is also called to the fact that she is shown holding a scepter unlike any known in England, and she is also wearing a small crown while holding the scepter, "something she never did in real life," asserts a writer in the London Sphere. This same writer also declares that the design that purports to be the arms of Scotland is defective. In summing up the case against the memorial the critic says: "The thing should create a thrill or stir of the heart in the breast of the loyal observer, but this is just what it seems impossible for these writhing mermaids and dull faced mothers to produce. One fails to get the impression of a living pulse beneath the marble."

MANY STATE CASES ARE PASSED UPON

By the Interstate Commerce
Commission of the United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided several cases, in which West Virginians are interested, and ordered that reparations be made by railroads for overcharges on freight. The cases are as follows:

The Eljer Company against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad and others, reparation of \$8.15 ordered on one carload of lumber shipped from Cardenas, N. C., to Chester, W. Va.

The Eljer Company against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad and others, reparation of \$15.13 ordered on one carload of potatoes shipped from Harrison, Mich., to Charleston, W. Va.

The Columbia Cotton Oil and Provision Company against the

Washington Southern railway and others, reparation of \$282.50 ordered on thirteen carloads of wooden pails shipped from Elkins, W. Va., to Roce, Va.

Alart McGuire against the Chicago and North-western railway and others, reparation of \$15.20 ordered on one carload of pickles shipped from Green Bay, Wis., to Charleston, W. Va.

The W. E. Terhune Lumber Company against the Southern railway and others, reparation of \$8.15 ordered on two carloads of lumber shipped from Cardenas, N. C., to Chester, W. Va.

REVIEW BOARD TO MEET.

The county board of review and equalization will meet here Wednesday, July 5, and be in session about twenty-five days. The board consists of Samuel S. Faris, Jefferson D. Passel and John A. Fleming.

TARIFFS ON COKE ARE SUSPENDED

SAFE BLOWER

Catcher a Parkersburg Man
of the Under World Now
Desires to Be.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—Parkersburg has a man who thinks he can catch more safe blowers and crooks than almost any one else. Evidently he has led a pretty fast life and reformed, for he has written the postmaster general that he would make a good man for the secret service and requested that his appointment be sent to him at Parkersburg. He says in his letter that he has tired of the life he has led and is pretty well acquainted with the under world and would like to get into the secret service. He thinks his past life has equipped him with facilities for acting as a secret service man and promises that he can catch more safe blowers than any one else.

So far the Parkersburg man has not been appointed, so the Parkersburg safe-blowers and crooks, if there are any, need not leave the country yet.

CITY PRISON

And Mayor's Office and Police Station to Be Ordered Surrendered.

An order has been prepared by the county court for the sheriff to notify the city authorities to surrender July 3, the room in the basement of the court house used as a mayor's office and police station and also the basement of the jail used as a city prison.

A. F. Combs was granted a notary certificate.

Joseph C. Lawson, qualified as executor of the estate of T. W. Lawson with bond at \$15,000 and P. M. Long, Byrd Cather and Rachel M. Marple sureties. C. A. Sheets, L. E. Oldaker, J. F. Dye and Alva Dillon were appointed appraisers of the estate.

NINE POSTOFFICES AS SAVINGS BANKS

POSTAL AFFAIRS

Of West Virginia as Just Acted on in the City of Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—A postoffice has been established at Panake, Hampshire county, four and one-half miles from Globe. Frederick Panack has been appointed postmaster.

The postoffice at Knight, Kanawha county, has been discontinued and mail will be sent to Dana instead. The office at Ned, Raleigh county, has also been discontinued and mail will be sent to Masseyville instead.

Commissions have been issued to Eben L. Duty, postmaster at Deep Valley, and William E. Burns, postmaster at Kieffer.

FINES IMPOSED

Upon Several at Regular Morning Session of the Police Court.

Mayor Frank R. Mopre gave his attention to six cases this morning at the regular session of police court. One fellow who was fined \$6.60 for drunkenness and disorderly conduct was remanded to jail until evening to await the arrival of aid from friends, another fellow paid \$4.60 for a like offense and was released, another was discharged as not guilty of that charge, two others paid \$4.60 each for plain drunkenness and a cash bond of \$4.60 was forfeited by still another fellow who was arrested last evening for plain drunkenness.

W. Frank Stout returned this morning from Washington, D. C.

As Recently Promulgated
by Railroads from West
Virginia.

AN INVESTIGATION
Is to Be Made by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—Suspension of the new tariff on coke between the West Virginia fields and Chicago, recently promulgated by the railroads, was today ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission, pending an investigation.

IN HER STOCKING

Negro Says White Woman
Put Ten Dollar Bill That
He Dropped.

When Maud Snodgrass, a white woman, and Dan Wilson, a negro, were arrested Tuesday afternoon in Fourth street near the Waldo hotel by city policemen, the negro loudly accused the woman of picking up a ten dollar bill he had dropped, sticking it in her stocking and refusing to return it to him. Both were taken to the police station and there a ten dollar bill was recovered from the woman. A charge of loitering was filed against her and one of drunkenness and disorderly conduct against the negro. These and the charge of theft will be investigated by Mayor Moore at the next session of police court.

TAKEN TO REFORM SCHOOL

Adam Hood, ten-year-old son of Herikiah Hood, of Point Comfort, was taken from the county jail Tuesday to the state reform school for boys at Pruntytown by Constable R. E. Kidd. The lad was recently adjudged an incorrigible person by Justice G. H. Gordon.

In West Virginia Are Designated and Others Will Soon Be.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—Out of a total of 560 postal savings banks in the country, West Virginia now has nine. New offices are being established almost daily and it is supposed that additional offices will be established in the state from time to time. The offices now designated as postal savings banks are Charles Town, Grafton, Keyser, Marlinton, Moundsville, Sistersville, Walkersburg and Weston.

Depositories for the funds of these postal savings banks have not been designated in all cases. In fact most of the offices have not started the savings system yet and there is no need in many cases for the designation of the depositories. The last depositories designated in West Virginia were the First National Bank at Sistersville and the First National Bank at Keyser.

Postmasters are being invited by the postmaster general to furnish certain information to him regarding their offices with a view to the selection of new postal savings banks. They are asked to tell the gross receipts of the office, the number of international money orders issued by them during the year, the percentage of foreign born people in the city, the principal industries and number of people employed, the number of savings and other banks and whether there is a demand among their patrons for a savings bank.

COMMENCEMENT

Exercises of St. Joseph Academy
Will Begin Wednesday Night.

The closing exercises of the St. Joseph academy will be held tomorrow evening at Centennial Hall at 8 o'clock. The class is composed of six young ladies who will have principal parts in the exercises. The graduating class will receive medals Thursday morning in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, when a high solemn Requiem Mass will be held for the members of the class.